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SUBJECT: JOANA SIMIAO, A NEW GUMO, AND COREMO

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 461

1. ON RECEIVING NEWS OF HER SUSPENSION FROM GUMO (REFTTEL), JOANA SIMIAO WROTE ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CLAIMING HER SUSPENSION WAS ILLEGAL, AND IN TURN ANNOUNCED OUSTER OF MAXIMO DIAS, PROCLAIMED HERSELF NEW GUMO PRESIDENT, AND TRANSFERRED GUMO HEADQUARTERS FROM BEIRA TO NAMPULA. HER CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF CASSAMO DAUDE HAIDER, FRANCISCA SEBASTIAO, AMAD MAHOMAD, AND ANA FONSECA. SHE REITERATED CALL FOR A CONGRESS OF PEOPLES, CONVOKED BY GUMO, TO BE HELD IN JULY TO PLAN FUTURE OF INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE, AND CALLED ON FRELIMO AND COREMO TO UNITE.

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NOUNCING DIAS GOES ON TO ATTACK MOZAMBIQUE DEMOCRATS AS SEXIST, ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, AND CORRUPT, AND ANNOUNCES THAT SHE WILL NOT "CONFIDE THE DESTINIES OF MOZAMBIKAN PEOPLES" TO "ASSOCIATES OF ANGLO AMERICAN, OWNERS OF RUBI BUILDING, THOSE INTERESTED IN THE FOUR WINDS HOTEL, OR STOCKHOLDERS IN TEMPO MAGAZINE." (NOTE: RUBI BUILDING IS OWNED BY GOVGEN SOARES DE MELO AND INTER-TERRITORIAL MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS, AND LATTER HAS INTEREST IN FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BEING BUILT IN LOURENCO MARQUES BY SOUTH AFRICAN CHAIN.)

3. MAXIMO DIAS RETORTED TO REPORTERS THAT SIMIAO CAN'T FIRE HIM AND THAT HE HAD SUSPENDED HER (RATHER THAN DISMISSING HER) IN ORDER TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO REPLY TO FRELIMO ACCUSATIONS. HE FURTHER SAID THAT GUMO WAS NOT CONVOKING ANY CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLES, THAT IF FRELIMO DOESN'T WANT A REFERENDUM GUMO DOESN'T EITHER, AND THAT GUMO WOULD SUSPEND ITS ACTIVITIES WHEN JULY NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRELIMO BEGIN, WITH ITS ULTIMATE FUTURE DEPENDING ON THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. ON JUNE 17 SIMIAO TELEPHONED US FROM NAMPULA TO SAY THAT SHE WAS NOW PRESIDENT OF GUMO, THAT SHE AND COREMO HAD AGREED IN MEETING HELD IN SWAZILAND TO FORM A UNITED FRONT AND THAT CONGRESS OF PEOPLES OF MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE HELD IN NAMPULA IN JULY.

5. COMMENT: GUMO SEEMS THOROUGHLY SPLIT, THOUGH IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER IT NOW CONSISTS OF MUCH MORE THAN ITS TWO COMPETING PRESIDENTS. WHETHER AN ALLIANCE WITH HER OLD COREMO (WHICH DESPITE ITS PLEDGE IN LUSAKA HAS NOT YET SURFACED AS A LEGAL ORGANIZATION INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE) WILL HELP SIMIAO SEEMS DOUBTFUL, BUT LEASHING OUT AT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY NOT LIKELY TO AID HER CAUSE.
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